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SUBJ: PAYMENT FOR USG AIRCRAFT FUELING

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFO COPY OF MESSAGE FROM 89 MAW AT ANDREWS AFB (DTG 111330Z JUL 74) TO USDAO PARIS ON THE SUBJECT OF PAYMENT FOR FUEL AND GROUND SERVICES RELATED TO STOPS WITHIN EGYPT OF AIRCRAFT UTILIZED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS JANUARY VISIT. MESSAGE REFERS TO TELECON WITH DEPARTMENT'S FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFICER (SIC) AND STATES THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON PAYMENT FOR THESE CHARGES IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED COPY OF JUNE 15 LETTER FORM MISR PETROLEUM COMPANY (OGE OWNED) TO HQ 438TH AIR BASE GROUP, MCGUIRE AFB NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING PAYMENT, IN DOLLARS, ON TWO INCOIVES TOTALING \$15,293.84 COVERING REFUELING IN LUXOR AND ASWAN.

3. INsofar AS WE ARE AWARE, ALL SUCH CHARGES COVERING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIOUS VISITS HAVE BEEN PAID IN DOLLARS EITHER IN EGYPT,OR,

IN THE CASE OF ESSO, BY DOLLAR PAYMENTS TO THE PARENT COMPANY (EXXON) IN NEW YORK. THE FACT THAT THE FLIGHTS MENTIONED ABOVE TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE COUNTRY DOES NOT ALTER THE GOE'S RULE THAT GAS, WHICH IS BOUGHT IN HARD CURRENCY, MUST BE PAID FOR IN HARD CURRENCY.

4. WHILE THE EMBASSY FULLY SHARES THE VIEW THAT MAXIMUM USE SHOULD BE MSE OF US-OWNED EGYPTIAN POUNDS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE PRESENTCASE IS JUSTIFIABLE. FURTHER, IT WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE PUSHING AT HIGH LEVELS TO FORCE A CHANGE IN THE RULES. WE ARE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH EFFORTS WHENEVER IT IS IN USG'S OVERALL INTERESTS, WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE CASE IN THIS INSTANCE. DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE IS REQUESTED.
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